

1998 MILK PRODUCTION SUMMARY

Milk production in Virginia totaled 1.84 billion pounds in 1998, down slightly from 1997. Of the 1998 milk produced, 13 million pounds were used on the farms where produced. The average number of milk cows during 1998 was 124,000 head, 1,000 fewer than 1997. Milk production per cow averaged 14,847 pounds for all of 1998, a decrease of only 17 pounds from the 1997 average. A total of 67 million pounds of milkfat was produced in 1998. There were 1,800 farms in Virginia with one or more milk cows in 1998.

Cash receipts from marketings of Virginia produced milk and cream totaled \$296 million, an increase of 15 percent from 1997 receipts. A total of 1.83 billion pounds of milk was sold by Virginia dairymen in 1998. Average combined price per hundredweight, including both fluid and manufacturing grade milk, for Virginia producers was \$16.20 in 1998. The average milk price was \$2.20 above the 1997 price. ❖

Production, Disposition, and Income, 1993 - 97 Revised, 1998 Preliminary

Item	Unit	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Milk Cows on Farms <u>1/</u>	Thous.	132	130	129	126	125	124
Milk Production <u>2/</u>							
Milk Per Cow	Lbs.	15,114	14,800	15,116	14,325	14,864	14,847
Milkfat Per Cow	Lbs.	538	536	543	520	529	540
Total Milk	Mil. Lbs.	1,995	1,924	1,950	1,805	1,858	1,841
Total Milkfat	Mil. Lbs.	71	70	70	66	66	67
Milk Used Where Produced							
Fed to Calves <u>2/</u>	Mil. Lbs.	16	16	16	12	13	11
Milk, Cream & Butter	Mil. Lbs.	4	4	4	3	2	2
Total Used on Farm	Mil. Lbs.	20	20	20	15	15	13
Milk Marketed by Producers <u>3/</u>							
Total Milk Marketings <u>3/</u>	Mil. Lbs.	1,975	1,904	1,930	1,790	1,843	1,828
Combined Price Per 100 Lbs.	Dols.	14.00	14.30	13.80	16.20	14.00	16.20
Cash Receipts	Thous.\$	276,500	272,272	266,340	289,980	258,020	296,136
Value of Milk Used							
Value of Milk Used Where Produced <u>4/</u>	Thous.\$	560	572	552	486	280	324
Gross Producer Income <u>5/</u>	Thous.\$	277,060	272,844	266,892	290,466	258,300	296,460
Value of Milk Produced <u>4/ 6/</u>	Thous.\$	279,300	275,132	269,100	292,410	260,120	298,242

1/ Based on average number on farms during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk suckled by calves. 3/ Sold to plants and dealers, and includes milk produced by dealer's own herds, milk sold directly to consumers, and milk produced by institutional herds. 4/ Valued at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. 5/ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption and farm churned butter. 6/ Includes value of milk fed to calves.